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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN LABOR AID TO PORTUGAL'S SOCIALISTS

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SUMMARY: THIS CABLE PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS ON THE NORWEGIAN LABOR DELEGATION WHICH WILL VISIT PORTUGAL BEGINNING FEB 15, AND ON NORWEGIAN LABOR PLANS TO HELP PORTUGAL'S SOCIALISTS (REF A). END SUMMARY

1. NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KAARE SANDEGREN CONFIRMED THAT KEY REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS SECTORS OF NORWAY'S LABOR MOVEMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN A "STUDY TOUR" TO PORTUGAL BEGINNING FEB 15, ORGANIZED BY THE NORWEGIAN WORKERS' EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (AOF). PARTICIPANTS IN THE STUDY TOUR ARE: IVAR LEVERAAS, SECRETARY
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GENERAL OF THE LABOR PARTY; KAARE SANDEGREN, INTER-

NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION
FEDERATION (LO); LARS BUER, FIRST SECRETARY (NUMBER TWO
MAN) OF AOF; LEONARD LARSEN, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO NORWAY'S
FOREIGN MINISTER AND FORMER PERMANENT SECRETARY
OF EUROPEAN YOUTH COUNCIL (CENYC); JOHAN THORUD,
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL COMMENTATOR FOR OSLO LABOR
DAILY "ARBEIDERBLADET"; THORVALD KARLSEN, PRESIDENT,
NORWEGIAN CIVIL SERVANTS' UNION; THORLEIF HOLT OF LO;
A BUILDING WORKERS' UNION OFFICIAL NAMED JORGENSEN;
AN OFFICIAL OF LO-AFFILIATED AIR FORCE NON-COM AND
COMPANY-GRADE OFFICERS' UNION NAMED OLSEN;
AN AOF COURSE LEADER AND AN INTERPRETER.

2. DELEGATION HOPES TO CLEAR UP UNRESOLVED DETAILS
AND GET VARIOUS NORWEGIAN LABOR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
FOR PORTUGAL'S SOCIALISTS MOVING. SANDEGREN SAID
NORWEGIANS TENTATIVELY PLAN TO START WITH TWO TRADE
UNION SEMINARS IN PORTUGAL AND ONE IN NORWAY. THEY
ARE CONSIDERING HOW TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL
ASSITANCE TO SOCIALIST WORKERS' EDUCATION CEMTER IN
LISBON. OTHER APPROACHES TO EDUCATION OF PORTUGUESE
TRADE UNION OFFICIALS WILL BE CONSIDERED, AS WELL
AS DIRECT UNION-TO-UNION COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL
UNIONS.

3. LABOR MOVEMENT, THROUGH ITS PUBLISHING HOUSE, IS
PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO
PORTUGUESE PUBLISHING HOUSE, INCLUDING COOPERATION
WITH A FAIR IN PORTUGAL. BERNARDINO GOMES OF PORTUGUESE
SOCIALIST PUBLISHING HOUSE WAS HERE RECENTLY.
NORWEGIANS ARE ALSO WORKING OUT HOW TO ASSIST PORTUGUESE
SOCIALIST PUBLISHING HOUSE FINANCIALLY. SOCIALIST
RUI MATEUS ALSO VISITED NORWAY RECENTLY. SOCIALIST
CENTER FOR ANGOLA REFUGEES IS ANOTHER POJECT NORWE-
GIAN LABOR WILL HELP FINANCIALLY.

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4. GOMES TRIP WAS PAID FOR BY NORWEGIAN LABOR, AS
ARE OTHER PORTUGUES SOCIALIST VISITS HERE. NORWEGIAN
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LABOR IS VERY RETICENT ABOUT EXTENT AND
SOURCES OF ITS FINANCIAL HELP, BUT EMBASSY WOULD
ESTIMATE THAT NORWEGIAN LABOR
HAS SUPPLIED \$20,000-PLUS SO FAR AND PLANS \$55-70,000
MORE IN NEAR TERM. LABOR HAS RELIED ON VOLUNTARY
COLLECTIONS AND LABOR'S INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FUND
FOR ITS HELP TO PORTUGAL'S SOCIALISTS, BUT IS NOW
DEVELOPING PLANS TO UTILIZE NORWEGIAN AID AGENCY

(NORAD) FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT NORWEGIAN INTER-
NATIONAL PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.
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5. SANDEGREN SAID LO IS ENCOURAGED BY RECENT JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMISSION RESULTS (REF B), ESPECIALLY TALKS
WITH PRIVATE NORWEGIAN INDUSTRY WHICH SEEMED TO BE
LEADING TO IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL PROJECTS. LO WILL
PUSH NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SOON, SANDEGREN SAID, TO
INCREASE GOVERNMENT AID TO PORTUGAL SUBSTANTIALLY.
HE REFERRED AGAIN TO LABOR YOUTH (AUF)'S PUBLIC
APPEAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL NKR. 150 MILLION (ABOUT
\$27 MILLION) IN LOW-INTEREST NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT
CREDIT FOR PORTUGAL (REF A). HE SAID AUF WILL SOON
FORMALLY PROPOSE THIS TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT
WITH FULL LO SUPPORT.

6. COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN REF B, POLITICAL WILL
EXISTS TO INCREASE NORWEGIAN AID TO PORTUGAL.
PROBLEM IS THAT PORTUGUESE ARE AS YET UNABLE TO
ORGANIZE AND IMPLEMENT EXISTING PROGRAMS, MUCH LESS
ADDITIONAL ONES. LABOR STUDY GROUP WILL BE PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN BREAKING BOTTLENECKS AND HELPING POR-
TUGUESE SOCIALISTS TO GET THEIR JOINT PROJECT WITH
NORWEGIAN LABOR UNDERWAY. THEY MAY ALSO EXPLORE WITH
SOCIALISTS HOW PROBLEMS SLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT-
TO-GOVERNMENT AID (REF B) CAN BE SOLVED.
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